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1. [REDACTED] on the appointment of Marshal Konstantin Rokossovsky as Polish Minister of National Defense, Alexander Barladeanu, Rumanian Minister of Foreign Trade remarked that Rokossovsky's appointment will not be the only one made. He declared that the complete direction of the Polish State would come under Soviet control. Barladeanu added that 10,800 (sic) Polish Army officers will be purged and replaced by men whom the Russians trust. In addition, "a large number" of Soviet officers will be named to "important posts" in Poland.

2. While discussing the Rokossovsky appointment, Barladeanu remarked that the turn of Czechoslovakia would come next, after which would come Rumania's turn.

3. Alexander Barladeanu, whose true name is said to be Schwartzmann [REDACTED]

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During

his stay in the Soviet Union Barladeanu is said to have worked under Vyshinsky in the Balkan Section, Political Direction of the Ministry (at that time Commissariat) of Foreign Affairs. He is firmly convinced that the Soviet policy will be successful and will result in the triumph of Communism throughout the world.

4. At the present time Barladeanu goes three or four times each month to Moscow for instructions and directions. He enjoys the confidence of the Rumanians and does not occupy himself with intra-Party politics.

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